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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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Mr. Douglas W. Jones, Archaeologist  
Community Programs Bureau  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
Iowa Historical Building  
600 East Locust  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290

Re: **Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 401X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in Des Moines, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please reference your letter dated May 3, 2002, addressed to Brian Nettles (BNSF outside counsel) regarding the above-referenced rail line. Enclosed for your review is a copy of a *Phase IA Reconnaissance of a Proposed Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company 1.88 Mile Abandonment, City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa [a.k.a., STB Docket AB-6 (Sub-No. 401X)]* prepared by Cynthia L. Peterson, Project Archaeologist. After your review, please provide us with a letter regarding your suggested mitigation or finding of "No Adverse Effect." We will then submit a copy of this report and your letter to the STB for final disposition of existing conditions under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sidney L. Strickland, Jr." followed by a stylized flourish.

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Kenneth Blodgett, STB (w/enclosure)  
James Gallegos  
Richard Batie  
John Sims

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